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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Examiner	Art Unit	
Bradley Bayat	3621	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 43-46 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 43-46 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: See Continuation Sheet

Continuation of Attachment(s) 6). Other: Foreign translation & oath 4/20/2004.

DETAILED ACTION***Status of Claims***

Applicant's submission of the translation and oath of the foreign priority document were filed on April 20, 2004. Although the applicant had not submitted the requisite translation prior to examiner's non-final rejection mailed December 29, 2003 or with the applicant's response dated March 29, 2004, claims 43-46 are pending and are again presented for examination.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 43-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 43-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Uranaka et al. (hereinafter Uranaka), U.S. Patent 6,470,085 B1.

As per claims 43 and 46, Uranaka discloses an encrypted data transmitting method/a computer readable medium comprising the steps of (columns 2 line 20-column 30, line 6):

- transmitting information indicating a watching and listening unit time to a receiving side (column 4, line 41-67-column 5, line 8);
- encrypting data by using a key (figure 4 and associated text);
- transmitting the encrypted data to a receiving side (column 5, line 57 – column 6, line 41);
- transmitting information for decoding the encrypted data to the receiving side, in accordance with a request from the receiving side issued on the basis of the information indicating the watching and listening unit time (column 10, line 60-column 11, line 29; figure 14 and associated text);
- changing the key for each of the watching and listening unit (column 9, line 30-column 10, line 52);
- recording a watching and listening time obtained by integrating the watching and listening unit time (figures 16a, b and associated text); and
- charging on the basis of the watching and listening time (column 11, line 41-column 12, line 67).

As per claim 44, Uranaka discloses the method according to claim 43 wherein the request from the receiving side is issued before the watching and listening unit time elapses (figures 10-11 and associated text).

As per claim 45, Uranaka discloses the method according to claim 43 wherein the information for decoding the encrypted data is a key which data is encrypted (column 10, line 40-column 11, line 40).

Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior arts of record in the body of this action for the convenience of the applicant. Although the

specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant, in preparing the response, to consider fully the entire references as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior arts or disclosed by the examiner.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Patent No. 5,325,431 to Naruse.
- Patent No. 5,857,020 to Peterson Jr.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley Bayat whose telephone number is 703-305-8548.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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